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Morgan New Annuity Board President

DALLAS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board have elected a new chief executive officer and approved a restudy of the basic retirement plan for SBC pastors and denominational employees.

Darold H. Morgan, who has served as senior vice president and assistant

to the president for the past year, will assume the presidency March 1. He will succeed R. Alton Reed, who retires after 19 years with the Dallas-based agency.

Reed, who has been chief executive officer since 1953, was at an association dinner here attended by more than 500 persons. They included trustees, staff personnel of the Annuity Board, SBC leaders from across the nation and other friends.

Morgan, 47-year-old native of Coffeyville, Kan., has been a pastor for all but the past year, which he spent working with Reed in the Annuity Board's executive office.

The new Annuity Board president graduated from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and earned the master and doctor of theology degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

His most recent pastorate, covering five years, was at Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas. Before that, Morgan served Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, for four years. His other pastorates were all in Texas.

He has been a member of the SBC Christian Life Commission, and was chairman of the Annuity Board when called to the executive staff.

Morgan served a term as vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and was a member of the convention's Executive Board. In Alabama he was a trustee of Judson College (Baptist) at Marion. He was also a trustee of Hardin-Simmons.

His wife, Elizabeth Lucile, comes

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New officers of the Christian Action Commission are, from left: Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor First Baptist Church, Tupelo, recording secretary; Dr. David Owen, physician, Hattiesburg, vice-chairman; Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson, chairman. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, at right is executive director.

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Nixon Is Invited To Speak At Southern Baptist Convention

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — President Richard M. Nixon hopes to accept an invitation to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets here June 6-8, the convention's chairman of the Committee on Order of Business announced in releasing the text of the tentative program.

"An invitation has been extended to the President and it is his hope to be present at our convention in Philadelphia," said Lee Porter, chairman of the committee and pastor of First Baptist Church of Bellaire, a suburb of Houston.

"It is impossible for the Presi-

dent and the White House to give a firm commitment until at least 30 days in advance," added Porter.

The White House confirmed to Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, that "there is a good chance" the President will address the convention.

If the President can clear his schedule for the convention, he would address an anticipated 13,500 Baptists expected to attend the convention sessions on Thursday afternoon, June 8, at 3:45 p.m.

It would mark the first time in the history of the convention that the

President of the United States would have addressed the convention. The Southern Baptist Convention, with 11.9 million members, is the largest Protestant denomination in the nation.

Evangelist Billy Graham, a Southern Baptist, will speak during the Wednesday evening convention session.

With both President Nixon and Graham on the tentative program, convention officials are expecting capacity crowds to attend the convention, which meets at Convention Hall in Philadelphia Civic Center, Tuesday.

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CAC Names New Officers, Asks Citizenship Sunday

The Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in its first meeting of 1972 elected new officers and voted to recommend to the churches of the convention the annual observance of Citizenship Sunday on the Sunday preceding the Fourth of July, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the body.

Dr. Charles Myers, pastor Alta Woods Baptist Church of Jackson, was elected as the new chairman, with the following other officers also named:

Dr. David Owen, M. D., of Hatties-

burg, vice-chairman; Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor First Baptist Church, Tupelo, recording secretary.

Dr. Hensley said that the Commission would suggest resource materials to be used by the churches in the observance of Citizenship Sunday.

Project of plans for the next two years will include a series of eight conferences on "Helping Other People With Their Problems" for January 1973 and twin workshops on "Contemporary Moral Problems" for February 26 and 27, 1973.

Another State Family Life Conference was projected for 1974.

Purposeful Action Marks 1972 Mississippi Baptist Conference On Evangelism



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins
Delivers Strong Keynote Address



Mrs. Dawn Gandy
Thrills Audience with Vocals



Dr. John Bisagno
Preaches Three Dynamic Sermons



Dr. Curtis Vaughan
Inspires Audience with Lectures



Dr. Kenneth Chaffin
Delivers Challenging Messages



Dr. W. Hines Sims
Lifts Group in Song

Foreign Board Approves Mission Support Increase

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated the largest single amount for emergency adjustments in missionary support in its 126-year history during its February meeting here.

In another major action, the board appropriated \$76,500 in relief funds for rebuilding villages in Bangladesh. The record \$653,540 for emergency adjustments in missionary support was approved by board members to ease financial strain for overseas personnel at three pressure points, according to board officials.

Special financial problems of missionaries were aggravated by the U. S. dollar devaluation and worldwide inflation, escalation in college education costs, and increased taxation, said Baker J. Cauthen, who presented the recommendation on behalf of a board committee which studied the whole structure of missionary support.

Cost-of-living adjustments for missionaries in 36 countries with inflationary conditions amounted to \$145,540.

The board had previously allocated \$214,460 in December and January meetings as emergency compensation for its missionaries affected by U. S. dollar devaluation overseas.

In a second major financial action,

the board increased the allowance for missionaries with children in college by an annual \$400 per student.

With 370 missionary children currently in college, this appropriation amounted to \$148,000.

Combining bases of support administered by the board, a total of \$1,600 is now available yearly to missionary parents for each child who is in college.

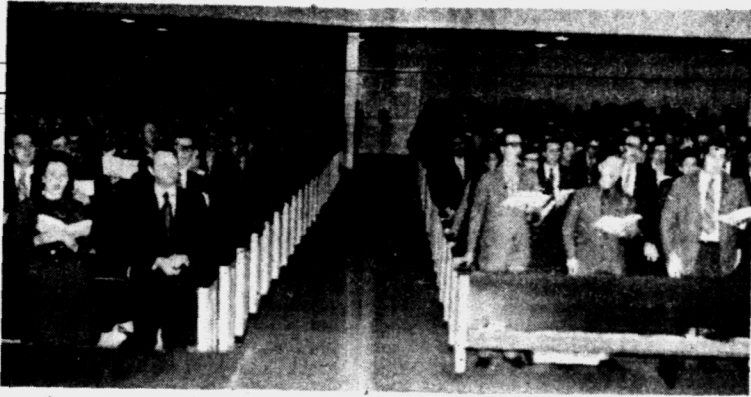
"The single largest appropriation was \$360,000 to help relieve increased taxation.

The board voted to provide an additional \$150 per missionary in view of his increasing tax burden.

The \$76,500 in relief funds for Bangladesh was added to \$25,000 the board authorized earlier for use by Southern Baptist missionaries in rebuilding a village outside Feni.

Village reconstruction has given Southern Baptist missionaries their first opportunity to become directly involved in relief operations since the former East Pakistan began its fight for independence about one year ago.

Currently three missionary families are in Bangladesh: the James McKinleys (Ky.), the Troy C. Bennetts (N.C. & Va.), and the Thomas E. Thurmans (Miss.).



The center section in the huge sanctuary is seen participating in the worship program as they respond in song to leadership of Dr. Sims.

Blue Mountain College Bible Conference Program Completed

Completion of arrangements for the Bible Conference on the campus of Blue Mountain College July 10-14 was announced this week by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention Board.

Four themes of Bible study have been scheduled each morning, Tuesday through Friday and the inspirational service each evening, Monday through Thursday, will bring to the Blue Mountain campus extremely capable teachers and one of the area's most popular and dynamic preachers.

Featured preacher for the four evening sessions will be Dr. Ramsay Pollard, pastor of the Bellevue Church, Memphis. Dr. Pollard is heard by thousands in that area of the state in the televised services from the Bellevue Church each Sunday morning.

Classes and the teachers announced this week are: Old Testament, Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of the Calvary Church, Jackson; New Testament, Dr. Robert Hamilton, pastor of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Sermon Preparation and Textual Analysis, Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of the First Church, Newton; and Scriptural Stewardship, Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg.

Prior to the preaching period each evening Dr. F. S. Scifield, of the Foreign Mission Board, will conduct an illustrated portrayal of "The Land of the Bible." The evening sessions will be held in the Lowry Memorial Church auditorium. Afternoons will be free for study and recreation.

Provision has been made by the college administration to care for 100 men in single dormitory rooms and 50 couples in another of the housing units. Total cost for the four days and nights will be approximately \$15.00. This includes all meals in the college dining hall, but those staying on the campus will furnish their own hitches.

It is anticipated that scores will commute daily, but it is hoped that pastors, teachers, and others interested will fill all the accommodations available. The conference will close at noon on Friday, July 14th.

Good Spirit At Conference

Purposeful action as well as a marvelous spirit both could be counted as among the several factors that pervaded the 1972 State Evangelism Conference held last week at First Baptist Church in Gulfport.

It was the first time the annual conference had met in Gulfport since 1958 and while the air outside the First Baptist Church was "nippy," both the natural and spiritual temperatures inside were warm.

Attendance was approximately 1200 and they came from every section of the state and included pastors, other church and associational leaders and denominational workers from the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Quite a few women were seen in the huge sanctuary of the host church, Dr. John Traylor, pastor.

Rev. Roy Collum, Jackson, secretary of the Evangelism Department of the State Convention Board, who directed the event, was optimistic when he declared "there is evidence on every hand that the Lord was with us and moving mightily among us."

"The response of our pastors and church leaders showed that they were concerned, interested and prayerful," Mr. Collum continued.

The evangelism secretary also pointed to the superior abilities and spirit of all conference personnel.

He also paid special tribute to the outstanding program of music arranged by Dan C. Hall, director of the Music Department of the State Convention Board and music director for the conference.

The keynote address of the conference was ably delivered on Monday evening by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention Board, Jackson, and apparently set the high tone for the conference, Mr. Collum said.

The conference opened with the Monday evening session and closed at the end of the Wednesday morning session.

The two principal out-of-state speakers were Dr. John Bisagno, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and Dr. Kenneth Chaffin, secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., both of whom delivered several dynamic messages.

Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, also thrilled the audience with a message.

Dr. W. Hines, retired secretary of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday school Board, Nash-

ville, Tenn., led congregational singing, and "listed" the audience in spirited song.

Evangelistic Bible study was led at each session by Dr. Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and proved to be popular with his lectures.

There was special music at each session as well as reading of scriptures and prayer.

Edwin Sudduth, Vicksburg, was organist with Kathy Rickey, MC, and Jim Hawkins, Gulfport, pianist.

They were usually accompanied by the instrumental ensemble from Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Aubrey Gaskins, director.

Mr. Collum reported that baptisms in 1969-70 for the state were 15,277, compared to 18,825, an increase of 2,548, or 23%.

The Southern Baptist Convention averaged

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January, '72 Mission Gifts Second Highest In History Of SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists started the year 1972 with the second largest month of mission giving in the history of the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget.

In January, Southern Baptists gave \$2,795,708 to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

The largest month of Cooperative Program giving ever was in January 1971, when \$2.9 million was received. On the books, January 1972 will show up as a decrease in Cooperative Program giving, since January 1971 was the previous record. Last year, the amount was \$158,859, or 5.38 per cent greater than January 1972 contributions.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, pointed out, however, that the 1971 figures were inflated by an unusually

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School Busing Issue

Minister Willing To Go To Jail

DALLAS (RNS) — A Southern Baptist minister told his congregation he would go to jail rather than allow a child of his to be bused to school by court order.

"If I had an elementary school child and some judge told me that he or she was going to be shipped off somewhere, I would take that child out of public school, and if I had to teach him at home, I would, or he wouldn't go to school at all," Dr. Herbert R. Howard told the congregation of Park Cities Baptist church here.

"And if I had to go to federal penitentiary, I would go," he added. The congregation applauded when

Dr. Howard proposed using the church building as a school if court-ordered busing comes to the Highland Park Independent School District.

Dr. Howard maintained he believes in integration, but does not believe "that children should be taken from one part of town and bused for any reason not absolutely necessary for quality education."

The clergyman said he favors busing for children if they live in remote areas where no school facility is available, but not to achieve racial balance.

He charged the U. S. Supreme Court and district courts with "doing away

with the public schools," although this is "perhaps unwitting," he added. "I cannot conceive of the white majority of this nation putting up with any more shenanigans as we have out of the courts of our land in the last few decades," Dr. Howard asserted.

"The time has come, en masse, to say, 'No, no further.'"

"Whatever it takes to say that loud and clear, let's say it."

Dr. Howard expressed concern "for what I conceive to be standards of moral and spiritual discipline which local control can best secure."

He said he is in favor of "higher educational standards for everybody."

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day morning through Thursday night, June 6-8.

Thursday morning's session will be devoted almost entirely to agency reports, except for the address by Sullivan and one miscellaneous business

mission, with music by The Centurymen and a special symphony orchestra. The pageant is scheduled for Tuesday evening preceding the con-

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will be opened with a theme meditation by Clarence Csanford, pastor emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

In addition to President Nixon and Graham, other major speakers listed on the program include Roger L. Fredrikson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. D., and former president of the American Baptist Convention; and Leon Sullivan, pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and founder and chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers, a network of training centers set up to teach practical job skills to black people who are fighting the poverty cycle.

Two other major addresses are scheduled: the annual presidential address by Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; and the annual convention sermon by E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor emeritus of South Main Baptist Church, Houston.

The convention will end Thursday evening with a missions emphasis session which will include the reports of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the SBC Stewardship Commission.

In a departure from the format used for the convention last year, the agenda this year will include individual reports on the work of each of the 19 agencies of the convention. Last year, the reports were received in printed format all at one time.

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Young Married Couples Retreat To Be March 4

A retreat for young married couples will be held at the 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, March 4. The one-day retreat, sponsored by state Woman's Missionary Union, will begin at 9:30 a. m. and end at 4:00 p. m. The program features will include: Bible study led by Rev. Paul Brown; How to Teach Children in the Home, Evelyn George; Budget Planning, James Harrell; Rev. and Mrs. Bob Williams, missionaries to Nigeria; and Rev. Jerry St. John, missionary to the deaf.

The cost of the retreat will be \$5.00 per couple which includes the noon meal and a \$2.00 registration fee. A nursery and pre-school child care (teaching situation) will be provided. The cost will be \$9.00 per child which includes the noon meal. Mail registration fee to Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. Registration deadline is March 2.

Every young married couple is invited whether a member of a missionary organization or not.

Japanese Christians Feed Hungry In America

YAKIMA (EP)—Ten 100-pound bags of rice, purchased with money given by Christians in Kobe, Japan, who are concerned about the Northwest's hunger problem, have been received by The Salvation Army here.

The Rev. Sadao Ozawa, in cooperation with Alex Leza, a board member of Seattle's Neighbors in Need, dispatched some of the rice to Spokane. Before the week was over, rice was scheduled to be left in Tacoma, Olympia, Bellingham, and other Western Washington cities having food banks.

No one expects that the few bags of rice will feed all the hungry people off payrolls in these depressed areas. However, Mr. Ozawa's efforts will be rewarded if the gift from Japan stimulates private citizens and public officials into greater support of food banks.

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Leonard E. Wedel, in *So You Want a Job, a Broadman* book.

SBC Church Directory Offers Helps In

Interchurch Communication
NASHVILLE — A program help series piece, "Directory of Southern Baptist Churches," has been produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Designed especially as an aid in communication with sister churches regarding requests for letters of transfer, the directory provides information of churches in all geographical areas of the United States, Canada and Bermuda.

Churches included in the directory are those on a computerized list maintained by the Sunday School Board.

The churches are affiliated with one, if not all units of Southern Baptist life including the association, state convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

All but 400 of the 34,000 churches listed in the directory have submitted a statistical report to the denomination within the past two years.

Grouping is according to state, post office and church, alphabetically in each case.

A few churches do not have a known address. With rare exceptions, these are "nonreporting" churches, which have not submitted a statistical report within the past two years.

The directory may be ordered from the Sunday School Board through the regular Program Help Order Blank. Price is \$6.00 per copy.

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large check from North Carolina which should have been received in December, but did not arrive until January. The equivalent check this year was received in December. This January 1971 Cooperative Program gifts were recorded as a 13 per cent increase over January 1970 contributions.

January 1972 also recorded the highest contributions to designated mission causes for any January in SBC history.

This year, Southern Baptists gave \$5,061,518 to special mission offerings and other designated causes during January, an increase of \$440,649 or 9.54 per cent over designations for January 1971.

Included in the \$5 million total was \$4.6 million for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, an increase of more than \$300,000 compared to Lottie Moon offerings received in January 1971. Gifts through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions increased 58 per cent, from \$46,724 in 1971 to \$73,937 in 1972.

The combined, grand total of Cooperative Program and designated contributions reached \$7,887,226, an increase of \$281,790, or 3.72 per cent for the year.

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from Carbondale, Ill., and is the daughter of the late George L. Johnson, an Illinois Baptist leader.

Because of a change in the board's fiscal year dates, the annual trustee meeting was changed. The trustees will next meet Nov. 2-3, 1972, rather than in February, 1973, under the previous schedule. Succeeding meetings will also take place in November of each year.

A seven-member committee was appointed to study benefits offered in Plan A—the basic retirement plan offered by the Annuity Board. Chairman of the committee, which will report to the next fall meeting of the board, will be Ned P. King, Dallas insurance firm executive.

Other members of the committee will be pastors and laymen from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The restudy of Plan A follows a pattern. Every three or four years, it is thoroughly reevaluated to determine its timeliness and to decide whether it is keeping pace with current trends, Morgan said.

Funds held in trust for those contributing to retirement plans reached a record \$292,705,482 as of Dec. 31, 1971. At the end of 1970, the amount was \$249,510,412. This was the sharpest gain in at least five years, according to Morgan.

Learning how to study the Bible can only be done by beginning. William J. Brown in *Practical Help for Teaching the Bible*, a Broadman book.



LIBRARY POSTERS—Miss Patti Pierce of Amory, student secretary in the Office of Public Information at Mississippi College, addresses the numerous poster packages being shipped to Baptist church libraries across the state as they prepare for Baptist School, College and Seminary Day scheduled for Feb. 20. Mississippi College is supplying each church a colorful poster, along with a packet of other materials, that can be used not only on the special day, but throughout the year. Among the churches requesting the material was Van Winkle Baptist Church and Alta Woods Baptist Church of Jackson. — (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Swedish Baptist Editor Urges Nixon-Mao Talks On Religion

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (BP) — An editorial in the weekly newspaper of the Baptist Union of Sweden has urged President Richard M. Nixon and the delegation which will accompany him to China in February to approach the question of religion in China with Chinese officials.

Editor Sven Svenson of "Veckoposten," in an editorial entitled "Mao, Nixon and the Christians in China," urged President Nixon to discuss with Chairman Mao the subject of religion in China, as well as politics, trade and culture.

"It is urgent that we try in every way to get more precise information on the Christians in China," the editorial said. "One would hope that President Nixon and his associates will find opportunities to touch on the

question of religion while they are in China.

"One would hope," the editorial continued, "that among the 80 American journalists who will accompany Nixon there might be one from a religious press service or paper which could give the world information founded on facts about the current religious situation in China."

The editorial was reported through European Baptist Press Service based in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, only a few days before the White House in Washington announced the list of accredited news media representatives approved for the trip. The list did not include a representative from the religious press, although several had sought accreditation.

Svenson, in the editorial, noted that great changes obviously have taken place in China in recent years, but that little information has been available on the state of religion in China since the late 1960's.

"There are insinuations from China about a possible change in the official Chinese attitude toward religion," the editorial said.

As an example, the editor reported that an Italian journalist visiting China last November wrote that he took part in a Catholic service in Peking and that the priest in the church had explained that the church is now open for daily devotions.

The editorial also quoted a Lutheran leader as saying "there is still an active church in China," and that "the relationship between China and Christians in other countries must take place within a few years."

The editorial recommended some ecumenical action, perhaps through the World Council of Churches, regarding securing current information about Christianity in China.

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erage increase was 12.5%, he added. "Factors to which, in my opinion, the increase can be attributed are:

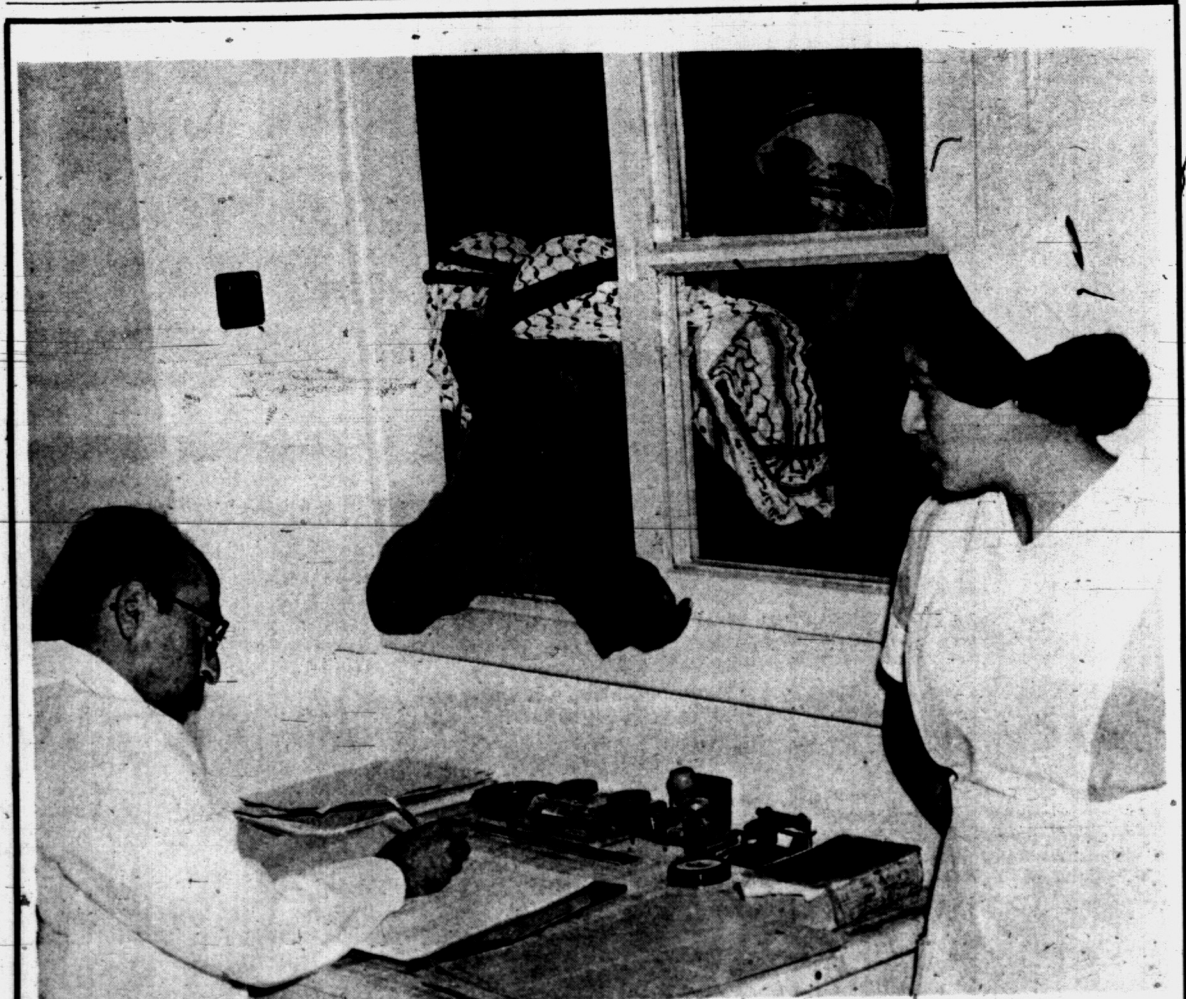
"Acceptance by the Convention in November '70 of Dr. Hudgins' challenge at least a 10% increase in all areas of our work."

"Deepening of concern in hearts of all of our Mississippi Baptist Fellowship in response to the leadership of the Holy Spirit."

"Lay-Witnessing Schools using WIN materials and strategy."

"Prospects for this year seem great because 'People to People' effort in preparation for broad evangelistic thrust in '73 and evidence of a mighty sweeping spirit of evangelism and revival among our churches now."

Large number of Lay-Witness Training Schools already scheduled for this spring and summer.



FMB photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.

COMMITTED TO SERVICE — The registration desk in a Christian hospital is a place of help and hope. People come because they hear about doctors and nurses who can make them well. This word gets out by the co-operation of people "back home" who make it possible for missionaries to be on the job in medical missions through their weekly gifts to the Cooperative Program.

(Registration desk, Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan)

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT, JOHN ALEXANDER, DIRECTOR

'Saturation Of Prayer' Called For During TET

R. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia, has requested a "saturation of prayer" Feb. 14-20 for Vietnamese Christians and others in Vietnam.

The two-week period will encompass the beginning of the Tet lunar new year celebration which begins Feb. 15 and President Nixon's trip to China.

According to news sources, there is

mixed speculation as to whether the Communist forces in South Vietnam have enough troop power to mount a major Tet offensive this year, comparable to the disaster of 1968.

Parks made a transoceanic call from his temporary home in Singapore to Foreign Mission Board headquarters to request the call for prayer.

"We are not predicting an attack,"

Parks said. "The missionaries are not in a panic about it, but with all the rumors this just seems like a real good time to call the people to pray for Vietnam."

Currently there are five Southern Baptist missionary journeymen, one single woman missionary and 17 couples serving in Vietnam. One additional couple assigned to Vietnam is on furlough in the States. Those on the field are located in the cities of

Dalat, Danang, Nha Trang, Cam Ranh, Saigon, Qui Nhon, Hue and Cantho.

Prayer concern during this time has evolved because the 1968 Tet celebration occurred into the largest Communist offensive of the Vietnam war. During each successive Tet celebration there has been fear and speculation that the crisis of 1968 may be repeated.

In 1968 nine missionary wives, their children and two missionary journeymen were evacuated — some to Bangkok, Thailand, and some to the United States.



Business, Civic Leaders Are Given Info On MC's \$3 Million Commitment campaign

The \$3 million COMMITMENT Campaign was the topic of discussion when Mississippi College hosted a luncheon for business and civic leaders and their wives in the B. C. Rogers Student Center. Among those present for the occasion was Mrs. Carroll Waller, alumna of the college and wife of Gov. Bill Waller. She looks over an architect's rendering of the proposed addition to the Leland Speed Library with Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Taylor of Jackson (left), and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Walker of Jackson. Mr. Taylor is campaign general chairman, while Mr. Walker is president of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Taylor said the campaign's objectives were to provide an addition to the Leland Speed Library and establish a Learning Resource Center, to provide a building for the School of Nursing and Home Economics Department, and to provide a multi-purpose building for use in assembly meetings and intercollegiate athletics.

The wives of the guests attended a special demonstration in the college art foundry following the luncheon. Dr. Sam Gore and Louis Walsh of the art department faculty hosted the group.

Entertainment for the luncheon was furnished by The Naturals, popular and widely recognized campus singing group. Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, directed the group. —(Photo by Bill Strange)

MC Names General Leader For 'Commitment' Drive

Rowan Taylor, a leader in Jackson community affairs for many years, will serve as general chairman for the Mississippi College "Commitment" Campaign, Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, announced this week.

Taylor, a 1945 graduate of Mississippi College and one of the Capital City's most energetic leaders, said he accepted the leadership challenge.

Mr. Taylor comes from a family long associated with Mississippi College. His father, the late O. B. Taylor, graduated from the college in 1901.

Dallas, First, To Have Second 'School Of The Prophets'

First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, has announced its second annual "School Of The Prophets," a week-long seminar in church dynamics, to be held Monday night, March 13 through Sunday night, March 19.

The basic curriculum will include 33 hours of study, 14 of which will be taught personally by Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor and Minister of the Word, in the historic church. The remaining hours of study will be led by the various staff members at First Baptist Church.

In addition to the basic course of study, a second year curriculum will be offered for those who attended the school last year.

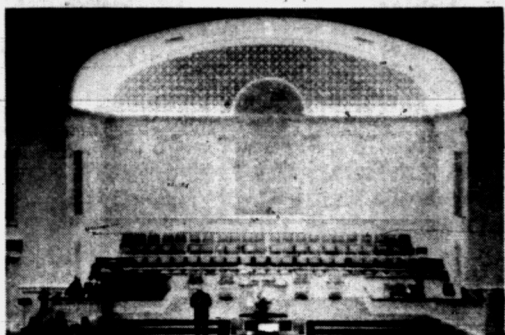
The registration fee is \$35 which includes tuition, a 300 page syllabus outlining the entire church program, and lunch each day (except Sunday) during the week long conference.

In cooperation with the church and this program, the new Holiday Inn Downtown in Dallas has offered special rates to those attending the School Of The Prophets. The hotel is located three blocks from the church.

Because enrollment is limited to 1,000, those planning to attend should register immediately. For a descriptive brochure and enrollment application write: Dr. James W. Bryant, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Remember that before you can persuade a person, or teach him, or lead him to agree with you, you must get his attention. Robert J. Hastings in Hastings' Illustrations, a Broadman book.

Views Of The Evangelism Conference On The Coast



The Evangelism Conference met in the beautiful sanctuary of First Church, Gulfport.



Dr. John Trowler, host pastor, shows beautiful Bible on Memorial Table to several at conference. From left: Dr. David Grant, Jackson; Rev. Kermit McGregor, Hattiesburg; Dr. Trowler; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson; Rev. Roy Collum, Jackson, conference director.



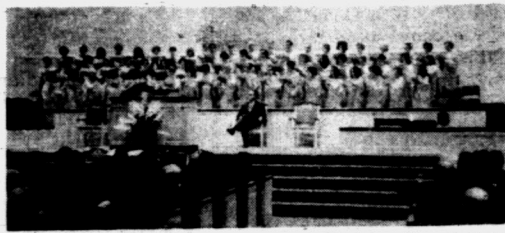
Four associational superintendents of missions discuss certain phases of work with Dr. Russell M. McIntire, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, a "college pastor." From left: Rev. J. C. Renfro, (Rankin); Rev. Fred Tarpley, (Hinds-Madison); Dr. McIntire; Rev. Leon Young, (Lauderdale); and Rev. Maurice Flowers, (Jones).



The three conference instrumentalists are, seen at organ, going over a number. From left: Jim Hawkins, Pascagoula, pianist; Edwin Sudduth, Vicksburg, organist; and Kathy Richey, of MC, pianist.



Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, is seen in deep study just before he spoke on program.



The choir of First Church, Jackson, directed by Larry Black, sang at the Evangelism Conference.



Three pastors and their wives seem to be having a moment of fellowship after Monday night session. From left: Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gunn, Forest; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Miller of Carleige Hims Church, (DeSoto); and Dr. and Mrs. Levon Moore, Pontotoc.



Rev. Reed Dicken, Jr. of Bentonla buys a book from Miss Kathleen Wright, attendant in Baptist Bookstore exhibit.



Three pastors take time out for a cup of coffee between sessions. From left: Rev. Marcus Alexander, Flowood; Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage; and Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton.

Series Church Leader Training Meets Being Held

Jimmy P. Crowe and Glenn Smith, general administration consultants in the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., are in Mississippi during February for a series of conferences in church leader training, according to Kermit S. King, director of the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsoring agency.

Jimmy P. Crowe who is the author of the basic text in church leader training, "Church Leader Training Handbook," and who is responsible for the development of this program at the Sunday School Board, led the conferences scheduled for the first of the two weeks, just held, as follows:

Feb. 14, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville; 15, First Church, Marks; 17, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; 18, Fairview Church, Columbus.

Glenn Smith will be leading the conferences scheduled for the week of February 28 - March 3: Feb. 28, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; 29, First Church, Meridian; March 2, First Church, Hattiesburg; March 3, First Church, Gulfport.

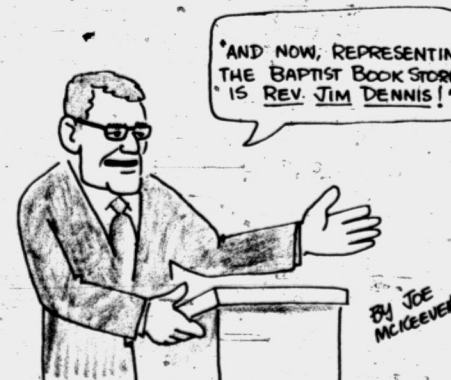
Starting time for each "conference" will be 7:00 p.m.

A speaker will organize his material in his own mind, and make some systematic presentation. But his audience will remember the illustrations that illumine his truths far longer than they will the skeleton. Robert J. Hastings in Hastings' Illustrations, a Broadman book.

How sad it is when we see categories and not people. Ron Willis in A View from the Streets, a Broadman book.

Joe McKeever Saw The Unusual At The Evangelistic Conference At Gulfport - - -

EVANGELISM SECRETARY ROY COLLUM HAS BEEN READING DENNIS THE MENACE. IN INTRODUCING REV. JIM MINNIS OF OUR BOOKSTORE, HE SAID -



DR. KENNETH CHAFIN OF THE HMB DIVISION OF EVANGELISM WAS DYNAMIC -



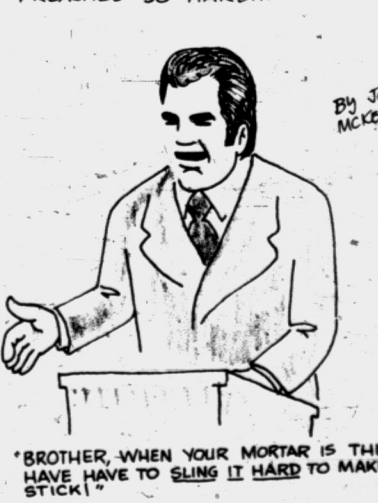
JOHN BISAGNO OF FIRST BAPTIST IN HOUSTON SAID HE'S GONE FROM HOME SO MUCH THAT WHEN HE RETURNS, THIS HAPPENS -



THERE WAS A LOT OF VARIETY AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE -



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EDITORIAL

A Sound . . . In The . . . Mulberry Trees

An Editorial Report

With these words Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, seemed to be sounding the "keynote" of the 1972 Mississippi Baptist Evangelist Conference at Gulfport. Dr. Hudgins was delivering the major message at the opening session on Monday evening, and in that message set the tone for the whole meeting.

The reference to the "sound in the tops of the mulberry trees" is to an experience in the life of David when he was told by the Lord "When thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shalt the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines." (2 Samuel 5:24). The "sound of the going" was a sign that the Lord was with them and that it was time to move out for victory.

In his message Dr. Hudgins emphasized the place of the churches in evangelism, and spoke of evidences seen in many places, that the Lord is moving among His people.

This truly was a keynote of the whole meeting. Hundreds of preachers and many laymen and women from across the state had assembled in the beautiful sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, where Evangelism Director, Roy Collum, had arranged a great program.

From that opening session to the final amen, there was not a low note. Message after message brought the assembled group face to face with the evangelistic task, and with what God has a right to expect, and is expecting, of Baptists and other Christians right now.

The music for the conference was

outstanding. Unforgettable was the leading of the congregational singing by Dr. W. Hines Sims, who only recently has retired from leadership of the Music Department of the Sunday School Board. Someone said "the old Pto is still just that," and surely he is. Who can forget the experience of hearing him lead the whole congregation in singing Malotte's "Lord's Prayer."

Special music was outstanding, too. Choirs such as the "Mississippi Singing Churchmen," the choir of First Baptist Church, Jackson, a group from New Orleans Seminary, a youth group from Long Beach, and other groups, individuals, duets, etc., blessed the congregations in session after session. We presume that State Department of Music Directory, Dan Hall, arranged the meeting, and, as usual, he did a superb job.

Bible study at the opening of each session was led by Dr. Curtis Vaughn of the Southwestern Seminary faculty. He guided in a section by section study of the book of Colossians, and brought new insight and understanding of this epistle. He revealed how that Christ was exalted as Deity in human flesh, and how that He lives in us as Christians. Our lives, lived in Him, can be Christian indeed.

Dr. John Bisagno of First Baptist Church, Houston, one of the leading younger preachers in Southern Baptist life today, brought three splendid, heart searching messages. He spoke on Christ's preaching and ours, on the Preacher and his ministry, and on David, as "a man after God's own heart." As one hears this young man, and senses the fire that seems to be burning within his own soul, he can understand how he led his church in such an evangelism program that they

baptized more than 1500 persons last year.

In his message on the preaching of Christ, Dr. Bisagno spoke of the Priority of preaching, of the Portable nature of preaching, and of preaching as Personal, centering in a person, Jesus Christ. Speaking concerning the Preacher he said that God uses Unexpected, Uninfected and Unaffected men as preachers. Preaching on why God used David, despite his sins, he said, that David loved the Truth, he loved his Friends and he loved Regardless.

Representing the Home Mission Board's department of Evangelism was Dr. Ken Chafin, Director of that department, who also brought three messages. On Tuesday afternoon he spoke on the new WIN program of training laymen to witness for Christ, and told of the hope to have 100,000 lay persons (men, women and young people) trained in personal witnessing, by the Spring of this year. He described many of the thrilling experiences which have come in this new program.

In his message on Tuesday evening, Dr. Chafin spoke on the revival movement now going on among young people of the nation, and suggested how the churches must deal with it and take advantage of the opportunities it brings. He said that we have been praying for revival among youth, and now it has come, but is not exactly like we have been used to, so we do not know what to do with it. He suggested things which we need to do.

In his final message, Dr. Chafin used the text of Paul, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." He said that in order to be a winning witness men need to be Secure, be characterized by Love, and be Goal Oriented. He said, "All of us can be prophets at conventions; it is when we go home that we are tempted to become scribes and pharisees."

The only other major message was by Dr. Joe Tuten of Calvary Church, Jackson, who brought a tremendous message on "Christ in you, the hope of glory." He spoke of Christ's victory at Calvary and the tomb; of what the gospel is doing in the lives of people; of the perfecting work the Lord is doing in us now, and of the everlasting kingdom he is establishing.

The whole conference was spiritual in emphasis and character. It was beamed at the hearts of the hearers, especially preachers.

It pointed up the victory we have in Christ, and the opportunities which God has opened before us now.

It urged pastors and leaders to go back to their fields and begin to witness as they never have done before.

This is the greatest need of Mississippi, America, and the world right now . . . Spirit-filled witness to Jesus Christ!

adults. It discusses youth characteristics, needs and learning processes, and culminates with practical teaching applications.

NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING ON TONGUES by Merrill F. Unger (Kregel, paper, \$1.75, 175 pp.) Dr. Unger, author of many widely distributed books (including Unger's Bible Dictionary and Unger's Bible Handbook) in this volume gives his interpretation of what the New Testament teaches concerning speaking in tongues.

WAYS TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL by Charles T. Smith \$1.95, 127 pp., Paper) A handbook for Sunday school leaders and teachers of children, grades 1 to 6: The methods presented take a fresh approach to communicating God's Word to children. Educational purposes and plans are outlined in detail.

SUN-RISE, Addresses from a City Pulpit; FLOOD-TIDE, Sunday Evenings in a City Pulpit; MORNING SERMONS; THE UNLIGHTED LUSTRE, Addresses from a Glasgow Pulpit; HIGHWAYS OF THE HEART, A Series of Addresses; THE WIND ON THE HEATH, Sunday Evening Addresses from a Glasgow Pulpit by George H. Morrison (Baker, paper, \$2.95 each, approximately 275 pp. each) This series includes reprinted sermons of a man who was pastor in Glasgow, Scotland from 1902 until his death in 1928. Dr. Morrison could lay hold of a truth, hold it up in many lights until it revealed something of beauty, and then apply it's truth to the common life of the ordinary man.

MAN ALIVE by John Whittle (Christian Literature Crusade, 70 pp., 95 cents). This is a book about the abundant life, found only in Christ. The author serves with Worldwide Evangelization Crusade.

DAILY THOUGHTS ON BIBLE CHARACTERS by Harry Foster (Christian Literature Crusade, paper) A devotional message about a Bible character for each day of the year, this unique book mentions over 300 people, listed from A to Z.

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He Would Lead Us To Repentance

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Collect Green Stamps For The Apaches!

Dear Baptist Women of Mississippi: Having prayed about this letter for some time, I feel led to write to you about our White Mountain Apache Baptist Church near Whiteriver, Arizona and ask that you would consider a mission action project for our church.

Our church is the only Southern Baptist church for the Apache people on the White Mountain Apache Reservation which is approximately 50 x 75 miles of mountainous terrain. We have a very old bus and carryall that are constantly breaking down and we are very much in need of new vehicles to be able to transport the Apache families to church. Few families have their own vehicles, but due to the very low low income of the people most rely on transportation from the church. The pastor and family rise before the sun and begin very early gathering families from as far away as 24 miles for Sunday School and morning worship, then again early in the evening for Training Union and worship service, also on Wednesday night for prayer service. Transportation is also needed frequently for accidents or illnesses that arise. For some months, we have averaged around 100 people each Sunday morning and around 45 to 50 for Sunday eve and on Wednesday nights. Our spirit is high and we have many young people and junior age children as well as a good number of adults.

My plea to you all is that you might send books of S&H Green stamps or Gold Bond stamps or Betty Crocker coupons in order that with enough of these, we might obtain a new bus and carryall vehicle with which to bring these people and more to hear God's Word and see souls won to Christ. These are sweet and humble people and it has been a great blessing to this Anglo's life to be able to work and worship with them. Please address inquiries or stamps to Box 278, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Mrs. Wm. E. Crumpton
Box 452
Pinetop, Ariz. 85935

Questions Committee Of 15 Recommendation

Dear Editor:

Before action is taken on recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen, Dr. Routh's story and history of the Executive Committee of the SBC should be read and studied by all. In my judgment it will be necessary to change instructions to the Executive Committee and its framework if it is to have responsibility for promoting and marketing the work and materials of the Stewardship Commission. If any change is made other than keeping the Commission as is, it should be to turn the work of Stewardship Commission over to the Sunday School Board.

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EDUCATION... what's happening

"If you are a high school student — or a 'dropout' or a graduate — and your family is poor. Or if you're black or Puerto Rican or Mexican American or American Indian or in any other minority group — this book is for you."

Those are the first words of an important publication recently published by the College Entrance Examination Board: A Chance to Go to College, a directory of 829 colleges that have special help for students from minorities and low-income families. Colleges list their requirements, tell what kind of consideration and help they give "minority-poverty" students and name the people to get in touch with. Many also describe special programs and give some idea about dropout rates at the school.

The College Board has sent copies of the



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

The Blessings Of WMU

This is WMU Focus Week. I am bypassing the purpose of the week — to focus the attention of the church on the activities of the WMU — to focus my mind on the blessings WMU has been to my life.

My earliest identity with WMU is by legend rather than by memory. I am purported to have lain contentedly on a pallet as a baby during numerous Circle meetings my Mother attended. While I do not remember that, I do remember "being a Sunbeam for Jesus," (one of our boys called it Sunbeams when he first began attending. Another wanted to know who Debbie M U was), singing that delightful song hundreds of times. Occasionally, even now, singing it makes mopping a floor less drudgery.

After Sunbeams I wiggled and glegled through G.A.'s just like these Acteens I work with every week now. But I learned how to love people I had never seen and to give to tell the story to the nations. I learned, taught by lovely Christian ladies, how to find missions in my own town.

Y.W.A.'s was a transition from being a little girl learning about missions to being a woman living missions. WMU Circles, Royal Service Programs, mission studies, mission action, weeks of prayer, Garaywa, Ridgecrest, Glorieta, associational meetings, state conventions — more than anything else, all these mission-oriented activities have helped me to live beyond myself and my corner. Not even the six o'clock news carries as much international information as my Royal Service Magazine. I doubt that Red Cross files pack any longer list of dire needs. My Christian joy comes from knowing about these needs, in studying about people who have gone to help meet these needs in the name of Christ, then in praying for them. More than that, though, is the key in feeling I have given of my life, too, when I give money.

It is especially significant for me that the first whiff of printer's ink to perfume my nostrils from my own writing was in the Royal Service, November, 1968. I had written a meditation based on "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" for District IX WMU meetings. Miss Ed asked for a copy, sent it to Royal Service, and they published it.

While many terms and some structures have been changed, the purpose and mission of WMU haven't. WMU is special. It is great.

I'd even venture to say it is irreplaceable and indispensable. — Address: Box 9151 Jackson, Ms. 39206.

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Whither America?

The sad state of morals in our nation is revealed to some degree in the following news item which has just come across the editor's desk:

EL PASO (EP) — Hearing that the April issue of — a popular Woman's Magazine, will feature a color photo of a nude male in its center spread, newsstand vendors are rushing to get enough copies for the predicted sell out.

The local wholesale distributor told EP News Service correspondent Howard S. Ellis that he will have to ration out issues of the upcoming periodical because of the high demand for it.

The newsstands say they already have orders for the shocking special.

This is unbelievable news. First, it

is unbelievable that a national magazine such as — which evidently largely has been aimed at a female readership, should plan to publish such a photograph.

Second, it is just as shocking that the issue is expected to be an immediate sellout, so that copies have to be "rationed."

Without question such moral degeneracy is the result of the sex saturated generation which our nation has been rearing in recent years. In their blindness men and women have taken a God-given gift and dragged it into mire and filth.

If there ever was an hour when churches need to take a strong stand against immorality it is now. If we fail, then God have mercy upon our children!

NEWEST BOOKS

HOW CAN I GROW AS A CHRISTIAN? by A. Stuart Arnold (Broadman, 125 pp., \$1.50, Readers' Plan Selection) Mr. Arnold offers through this book encouragement to "present-day Christians to make full use of the means of grace and growth so that they might know the fullest joy in service and be as effective as possible in their service to the Savior's glory."

THE TOP TEN OF ROBERT G. LEE (Baker, 179 pp., paper, \$2.95) Dr. Lee's voice is known to thousands and his books have been read all over the world. Within these covers are what Dr. Lee and the publisher agree to be the ten outstanding sermons from his files of thousands.

HIS-HERS DEVOTIONALS by Vilma and William J. Krutza (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.95).

Bound in red, white, and blue, and gift-boxed, this would make a fine Valentine for husband or wife. A scripture passage is given; then Mr. Krutza discusses it from the "his" viewpoint and Mrs. Krutza from the "hers" viewpoint. They challenge married couples to share devotional ideas of an intimate nature and then to discuss how they can improve their marriage by applying Christian principles to daily living.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW by Hazel B. Goddard (Tyndale, 150 pp., \$4.95).

A writer with a long experience and training in counseling deals with the problems faced by every pastor and other Christian counselor. Here is rich material on how to help the individual who feels alone and hopeless. Discussed is the problem of sickness and suffering and the doctor-patient-counselor team; the disturbed individual; the troubled home relationship; alcoholism; and other situations. The author uses actual illustrations, evidently out of her own experience, to show how to deal with these disturbances which so greatly trouble today's people. This will be a refreshing and helpful volume for everyone who has counseling to do.

LET'S PLAN A BANQUET by Dorothy C. Haskin (Baker, paper, 109 pp., \$1.45) Many practical suggestions for planning a church-related meal-meeting (afternoon tea, potluck dinner, coffee and dessert, banquet) are found in this book.

HOW TO TALK TO GOD WHEN YOU AREN'T FEELING RELIGIOUS by Charles Merrill Smith (Word Books, 223 pp., \$4.95) Why should anybody want to talk to God when he's not feeling religious? Mr. Smith says because it's at just such times that one can really communicate with God, on a one-to-one, no-holds-barred, and honest level. Methodist minister and free-lance writer, he is also author of the book, "How to Become A Bishop Without Being Religious." This newest book is not irreverent. It is just not "religious," in the traditional sense. It contains joy, humor, irony, and power.

DAILY CELEBRATION by William Barclay, edited by Denis Duncan (Word Books, 316 pp., \$4.95) Here are devotional readings for every day. Designed to be read a day at a time, Dr. Barclay's topics cover a wide range of subjects including languages, Jesus, luck, communism, early rising, children, Christian ethics, courtesy, names, and friends. He has quoted from most of the books of the Bible as well as from writers in various fields, past and present.

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Heart Disease And A New Destiny

By Rosalee Givens Alderman
Hope, Arkansas
(Note: Mrs. Alderman is a native Mississippian, as is her husband, Ed.)

Hermanville. They were active in the churches wherever they lived, so are known to many readers of the Record. For the past several years they have lived in Hope, Ark.—Ed.)

Heart disease changed my life pattern from one of activity to one so inactive that it was almost unbearably frustrating.

I asked Dr. Lovell Harris, who had treated me through my illness, if he could tell me just one worthwhile work I could be active enough to do. He patiently answered, "Remember your faith in God."

Soon after this, an announcement was made by the Mission Action chairman that someone was needed to teach the Bible at Heritage Nursing Home. I promptly answered, "I'll do it." I knew as soon as I had said the words that something had happened to me which could only be a miracle. Gone was a revulsion I had felt, formerly, at the thought of ministering to people in nursing homes. Now the folks there were not a vast and barren waste-land of humanity waiting only to die, but people who would respond to love and work creatively for God, if someone would show them the way.

They were a group of lonely people who, needing love, needed even more to know that they were to give love—to God, to their nurses and doctors who like to be appreciated, and to their families, who are often heart-broken because they cannot keep their father or mother with them and care for their needs.

When I began working on the first lesson to teach at the nursing home, some disturbing questions came to my mind. What could I teach a retired person? A man or woman in a wheel-chair? A blind woman? Another who is dying?

I began by telling them that God has some kind of work for everyone to do until the last breath is drawn—the retired person, the man or woman

in a wheel-chair, the blind woman even the woman with only a few more weeks to live.

Using Psalms 137, an account of God's children hanging their harps in the strange land of captivity, I urged the people to sing the Lord's song in their strange lands—of loneliness, of pain, of longing for homes they had left and would perhaps never see again.

I told them that if, in spite of the hurts they lived with, they would serve God with their few talents, they could make Heritage Nursing Home a cheerful place where no one would be friendless, where a lost person could find Christ and the defeated person would regain a sense of his own worth and human dignity. Their response has been gratifying.

Mrs. Phillips, an amputee, has a lovely smile that cheers many a person. She made numerous wheel-chair visits to Mrs. Fowler's room the day Mrs. Fowler's only son died.

Mrs. Mohon, with the aid of her walker, visits many who are bedfast.

Mr. Chamber's struggles along with his walker, smiling in spite of his discomfort.

Mr. Brewer makes a daily wheel-chair visit down the hall to his wife, who cannot get about.

Mrs. Taylor, her voice trembling and weak, reads to a blind person.

Mrs. Kelton puts fresh clothes many times a day on a lady who cannot wait on herself.

Dale Middlebrooks, while recuperating at the Home, works with the zeal of a missionary, doing more in a day to cheer the lonely than most of us do in a lifetime. Recently, KXAR radio here in Hope paid him a fitting tribute and dedicated to him the song, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

These and many others do all they can to sing the Lord's song in their strange land.

The husband or wife of a nursing home resident also lives in a strange land of aloneness too deep to be fathomed by anyone except God himself. Some walk out and get a di-

voice. Others stand by, loving in times of trouble as they did in happier days.

Mr. Hamilton, a fairly young man, so disabled by an accident that he cannot even feed himself, has such a wife who visits him daily, communicating her love to him in all the ways one can express love. I had the joy of hearing him say, "I've accepted Jesus as my Savior." His wife's love and faithfulness to him while living in her own heartbreaking loneliness paved the way for him to believe in God's love for him.

Keith Miller says, "When a Christian pilgrim begins to grasp the idea that in his Father's house are many places, including a place for him particularly in which he can have a unique part in God's creative history, then the teacher's task is sheer joy—and hard work."

I believe this and try to help those I teach to grasp the idea that each of them does indeed, "have a unique part in God's creative history."

Believing that the sick and the elderly who rightly use their opportunities to pray can help bring about marvelous things, I give them definite prayer assignments, one being that they pray daily for the lost among them to find the Lord.

One day I saw their faces transformed as they heard one for whom they had been praying interrupt the lesson to say he had taken Jesus as his Saviour.

Soon after that heartening experience, they began praying for a little girl, one very dear to me. Her name is Sharon. She had just turned six, a kindergarten graduate, when, during her summer visits, she began going with me to visit at the nursing home. She would follow along after me, shaking the people's hands and saying, "God bless you," just as she saw me do.

After one of the Bible lessons she seemed disturbed and asked, "Grandmother, am I going to heaven?"

"Yes," I answered, "if you take Jesus as your Savior."

When the folks she had been going with me to visit heard about this, they began praying for her daily. A few months ago, shortly after her

eight birthday, we shared the joy of learning she had become a Christian. Yes, much of my task as a teacher has been the sheer joy of sharing with a group of people some of God's answers to definite prayer assignments.

That joy is my reward. I hope that it helps race relations. I had volunteered to teach them. I had grown up believing integration was not even a nice word, and in a society so structured that to address a colored person as "Mr." or "Mrs." was unheard of. And for a white woman to shake hands with a colored man would have been akin to indecency, in the eyes of my parents. But, after some earnest praying, this "problem dissolved into nothingness, because I believed it was right, in the sight of God, to shake hands with everyone. That is what I did and I soon realized that I loved both races equally.

A few weeks ago, a colored man, with tears streaming down his face, said, "Teacher, I didn't give my heart to the Lord until I saw that you loved my people."

When Mr. Harris, an elderly colored man who had been making a serious study of "white teacher" frankly believing I was a phony, realized I loved those of his race, he asked me which northern state I had come from. My reply, "I grew up in south Mississippi," was a great big joke to him, which he steadfastly refused to believe until four months later when he learned I had visited a relative there. I have a very warm spot in my heart for my native state and was glad when Mr. Harris finally admitted to feeling friendly toward it, too.

The work is hard, but I have good help. I am undergirded by my church and, to a large extent, other churches in the community. Gerald Trussell, my pastor, seeing my distress over their having no Bible lessons once when I was ill, volunteered to teach them for me and did so for three months. Mrs. Reese Atkins teaches for me now when I cannot be there.

Garrett Memorial Baptist Church donated a piano. The WMU of my church, yearning how exhausting it is to me to speak loud enough to be heard by the hard-of-hearing has voted to install a public address system for Heritage Home.

Mrs. Hyatt, a Methodist, plays for

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Mississippi REA To Meet In Biloxi

The annual Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association meeting will be held at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi Feb. 24-26. Farrell Blankenship, minister of education at First Church, Hattiesburg, and president of the group, said that up to 100 Baptist religious education workers and leaders from every part of the state were expected to attend. Dr. John Drakeford, professor of psychology and counseling and director of the Family Counseling Center at Southwestern Seminary, will be the principal speaker. Other out-of-state speakers will be Robert Fulbright, Dr. John Sizemore, Franklin Farmer, and Eldon Boone, all on the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

each week. Mrs. Peterson, a member of my church — First Baptist — leads singing.

A few weeks ago, my husband, Edwin, gave me a new electric typewriter, which will be a great deal of help in preparing lesson-helps to be used in the classes.

Mrs. Frazier who managed the home when I began the work, welcomed me and helped me in getting to know the people.

Mrs. Revis, the present manager along with all the employees, helps us in more ways than I could mention and never fails to welcome me warmly when I go out or call on the phone.

Even so, for me to sing the Lord's song, to practice in my actions what I tell them to do, is hard work. Walking down the hall recently, I saw one whose head drooped as though he were asleep in his chair. A slight movement caused me to go on in. I was repulsed to see his lips needed wiping and turned to walk on by. But the words, "Inasmuch as you did it not unto one of these, you did it not unto me," came to my mind and I went back and cleaned his face, a task his paralyzed arms rendered him unable to do for himself. He smiled and said, "Thank you, teacher." I walked on then, feeling that I had given "a cup of cold water in the Lord's name."

It was also hard to keep going to Mrs. Burns, lying as still and as silent as death, a vegetable I'd been told,

touching her and saying, "God bless you." But I kept going and one day, a few months later, she haltingly answered, "God bless you, too." That was one of my life's high moments, another reminder that, with God, there are no impossible dreams.

She regained her speech and hearing, her alertness of mind, and is learning to walk. But her eyesight has not returned. I doubt that anyone prays more than she. That's a work she can do well in her strange land of blindness.

This work is, for me, a new destiny, encouraging me to hope I am a part of God's creative history. But it is no escape from the reality of heart disease and its limitations.

Six months after beginning it, another heart attack resulted in my being able to tolerate even fewer heartbeats a minute. Sometimes when pain plunges me into the depths of despair, I recall some words by C. S. Lewis. "When a human no longer desiring, but still intending, to do God's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys, Satan's cause is in danger (Paraphrased). I also think about Dr. Harris' words, "Remember your faith in God."

At such times, my faith is able only to stumble along and the music to the Lord's song in my own strange land is hard to sing; but its reverberations swell into a glad hallelujah! And when, time, as we now know it, rolls by to keep its rendezvous with eternity, the son's minor notes will have faded away, carrying with them the song itself. Because, in that Place, there will be no strange lands.

A faith which, at times, is able only to stumble along is still good to have. And to remember — Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

Acteens Crowned, Others Recognized

Due to space limitations, the Baptist Record has for several years used only a few coronation pictures during GA Focus Week as representative of all such coronation and recognition services being held over the state.

Girls in Action and Acteens do not have their own Focus Week now, but their work is emphasized during Woman's Missionary Union Focus Week, which this year is February 13-19.

No other coronation or recognition pictures will be printed in the Record again until WMU Focus Week in February of 1973.

Typical of the coronations held in Mississippi was the one in the sanctuary of Big Creek Church, Wayne County, on February 2.

The beautiful service began when the candle boys, Randy Mills and Willis Smith, Jr. lighted candles all over the church. As the Queen's Court entered, 150 people sang "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand." Musicians were Mrs. Evon West and Mrs. Alisa Buffington. Mrs. Nell McCarty sang "So Send I You."

This was the first such event in the history of the Big Creek Church. Five lower classmen quoted scriptures relating to the theme. They were Sharron Cochran, Braunda Hutto, Ruby Cochran, Sandra Williams, and Lillie Mae Lofton. The queens, pictured at left, kneeling and received their charge from Mrs. Sue Mills, GA director. Then they were crowned by Mrs. Diane Smith, WMU director. The service ended with the queens and other girls singing, "Send Us, O Holy Spirit."

At the close of the service, gifts were presented to the eight queens by their pastor, Rev. Mitchell Smith. A reception then followed in the fellow-

Revival Dates

Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson: February 18, 19, 20; services at 7:30 p. m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday; Buddy Mathis, pictured, of Pascagoula, evangelist; Jerrell Rogers, minister of music at Daniel Memorial, in charge of music; Rev. Roy Collum, interim pastor; (Saturday night will be given to special youth emphasis. Other churches in Jackson and Hinds County and surrounding areas are invited and urged to bring carloads of young people to this Saturday evening service in particular. The young evangelist and trumpet player, Buddy Mathis, is son of Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula. A high school senior, he has preached in revivals all over the state and in other states. He will be a guest on the "Coffee with Judy" television show at 9 a. m., Friday morning, February 18. He will also speak in several Jackson schools.)



Ruleville Church: Feb. 20-25; Dr. J. L. Taylor, pastor, First Church, McComb, evangelist; Dr. James Coleman, head of Music Department, Ole Miss, singer; services 7 a. m. and 7 p. m.; doughnuts, coffee, chocolate milk served after morning services; Rev. R. G. Gordon, pastor.

Eastwood Church, Indianola: February 24, 25, 26; services at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; revival Bible conference; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor, Trinity, Memphis, teaching the book of Job and speaking in evangelistic services; Rev. R. A. (Bob) Bagley, pastor.

Iuka Church: February 13-18; services at 7:30 p. m.; Dr. Harold Warner, nationally known evangelist and author, preaching; Jerry Swimmer, music director; Rev. Harris Counce, Jr., pastor.

ship hall. Greeting the guests were Mrs. Vivian Hutto and Mrs. Virginia Mills.

The queens' attendants included Sharon McCarty, Lance Mills, Robyn Mills, Jamie West, Karen Cook, Jeff McCarty, Rhonda Hutto, David McCarty, Debbie James, Stevie McCarty, Kim Mills, Greg Mills, Kim Wood, Charles Cochran, Detria James, and Sharpe Smith.



Girls in Action at First Church, Long Beach, were honored with a Recognition Service last May 23. Mrs. Sam Brown, GA director, was in charge of the candlelight ceremony in which 25 girls received their First Adventure badges, and Melba Barrett received all three Adventure badges plus the Mission Adventures pin. Seven other first, second, and third graders were recognized for taking part in GA. Each leader spoke concerning the work of her group. The pastor, Dr. Gail DeFord, brought a message on Ecclesiastes 10:12 concerning the man who swallowed himself. A reception was held in Fellowship Hall.



An Acteen Coronation was held Sunday night, November 21, at Linn Church, Daddsville. Pictured above are girls receiving recognition, together with crown and scepter bearers. They are, from left to right: Debbie Robison, Queen; Shirley Robison, Queen; Loyce Braswell, Queen with Scepter; Nettie Robison, Queen. Bottom row: Lisa Robison, Paige Powell, Ricky Downs, Kathy Robison.



"Follow The Glean" was the theme of the Mission Adventures and Studiaet recognition service at Eastside Church, Jackson, Nov. 14. Girls in Action completing Mission Adventure I were Cheryl Johns, Lisa Williamson, Cindy Livingston, Cheryl Miller, Rachel Weeks. GA Leaders are Mrs. Joan Blakney and Mrs. Kay Lang. Acteens recognized for their achievement in Studiaet were Queens Beth Clark, Patricia Olinham, Melba Davis, Pam Wilkerson; queen with scepter, Robin Phillips; crown bearer, Drusilla Griffin. Acteen leaders are Mrs. Sue Livingston and Mrs. Anita Milner. Music was under the direction of Herman Milner, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Dolores Thornton, pianist, and Miss Joan Benton, organist. The benediction was by Rev. Howard Benton, pastor. Following the service the girls were honored with a reception in the fellowship hall of the church sponsored by the WMS.



First Church, Louisville, held its studiaet recognition service in August. "Time for His Crown" was the theme. Pictured above are, left to right, Susan Stewart, Sharon Padgett, queens with a scepter; Valeria Donald, Debbie Fulton, Cathy Coffey, queens. Following the service a church-wide reception honored the girls. Mrs. Vernon May, state WMU president, led service. Mrs. David Stewart is Acteen director, Mrs. Herbie Pearson, WMU director, and Rev. Vernon May, pastor.



Girls in Action at Pocatontos Church received awards in a Recognition Service held May 23. Award recipients are, front row from left: Terri Martin, Tina Whitehead, Edith Jackson, Gail Polite, and Karen Shelton. Back row: Libby King, Dianne Jackson, Cathy Carrigan, Renee Gardner, Lisa Whitener, Sandra Martin, Donna Jackson, Starlene Jackson and Teresa Gilmer. Awards were made by Mrs. Sandra Polite and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, leaders. Rev. Curtis E. James is pastor.



Big Creek Queens were, from left to right: Greta Powell, Kathy Wade, Cindy McCarty, Brenda Hutto, Tracey Cochran, Alisa Cochran, Marilyn Cochran, and Donna Mills. See story at right.



An Acteens Coronation Service was held at Handsboro Church on November 14. These were the first girls ever to achieve the step of queen in a missionary organization at Handsboro Church. "Since the church is only 97 years old, as of last July," states Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb, Acteens director, "we feel that this achievement is newsworthy!" Left to right above are: Mrs. Fred Cook, WMU director; Mrs. John Christie, Acteens leader; Joyce Cook, Tina McBride, Arlene Cook, Dale Woodard, Charmaine Duncan, Sharon Woodard, Leslie Rigby, Queens; Mrs. David Rogers, Acteens leader; Mrs. Charles Elzey, Acteens leader. Dr. Wesley G. Ellis is pastor.

Names In The News

Daniel R. Bender, pictured, is the new minister of music at



announces the pastor, Rev. Ron Huddleston. Bender, a graduate of Jones County Junior College, is presently a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi. He served as minister of music at Lawn Haven Church for two years, and did work throughout the state with the Church Music Department during the summer of 1971. He formerly served as minister of music at Temple Church at Big Point, and also at Hurley Church.

Diane McDill, pictured, a Clarke College sophomore from Forest, was chosen as Mississippi's winner in the Student Auditions held recently under the auspices of the



National Federation of Music Clubs. Mastering the required repertoire, Diane played a Bach Prelude and Fugue, a Beethoven selection, the first

movement of a Mozart Sonata, a Polonaise by Chopin and from contemporary music, two "Piano Blues" selections by Aaron Copland. All of this music was performed from memory. According to Mrs. James McElroy, Diane's teacher and a member of the Clarke faculty, Diane is now competing via a professionally prepared tape, on a Regional Level, which includes participants from fourteen states. The winner will receive the Marie Morrissey Keith Annual Regional Award which honors a Past National President of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and which provides scholarship of \$500.00. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McDill of Route 4, Forest, Diane is a music major at Clarke College, and plans a career in Music Education. A student of piano since the third grade, Diane is now a regular pupil during the school year and teaches full-time in the summer. Diane also is pianist and organist for her church, Hillsboro, Forest.

Sam Dees, interim minister of music for the Hollandale Church, who recently resigned, was presented by the Adult Choir a gift of cuff links as a token of gratitude for his many services rendered. Mr. Dees plans to continue serving with the music ministry of the church, but not as interim music minister.



Deborah Perry has accepted the position as part-time minister of music and youth at First Church, Beaumont, Miss. Perry is a senior at William Carey College with a double major in church music and music education, and a minor in voice. She is a Dean's List student, member of the National Music Honor Fraternity for Women, president of Music Educators' National Conference, a member of the Organization of Campus Presidents, and a three-year member of the Chorale. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Audrain Perry of Biloxi. Rev. Richard Kirgan is pastor at Beaumont.

Richland Church, at Plain, has licensed three young men to the gospel ministry. Show above are (left to right) Joey Covey, 20, Bo Palmer, 22, and Buster Wilson, 18. They are students at Hinds Junior College. "Each has preached in the home church," states the pastor, Rev. Paul D. Williamson, Jr., "and blessed the hearts of the people."



VALENTINE GREETINGS FOR BMC LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Walter F. Taylor (right), instructor in Library Science, September, 1947 - August, 1971, and head librarian at Blue Mountain College, September, 1954 - August, 1971, and continuing as a member of the library staff, receives a giant-size Valentine from all students of the college, but personally presented by two of her capable student assistants, Brenda McGee of Germantown, Tenn., a freshman (left), and Mary Ann Chamberlain of Grenada, a junior. Not pictured is the Valentine artist, Jamie Reeder, a senior art major, of Pontotoc.



As new students join the Blue Mountain College "Freshman Family" for the second semester of the current session, Joy Goudy, left, a graduate of the Ingomar High School, New Albany, is among the first to register. She is shown completing her registration forms which being assisted by two interested friends who are members of the registrar's staff - Martha Crawford, center, of Houka, a senior, and Beth Norwood of Sheffield, Ala., a freshman.



Two of the fifteen William Carey College nursing students who were capped in recent services at Napoleon Ave. Church, New Orleans, are Becky Sadler, left from Orlando, Florida, and Sandra Albritton from Foxworth. Shown looking over the evening's program with the students is Mrs. Shirley Morrison, Dean of the William Carey College School of Nursing. Over 100 friends and family of the students joined in the service and in a reception at Farnsworth Hall at the Southern Baptist Hospital following the event. In May, William Carey College's School of Nursing will graduate its first six bachelor of science degree students in nursing.

Arthur Dale Carlisle, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle Jr., emeritus missionaries to Uruguay, was married to Jennifer Pace on Dec. 23 in Ethel, La. Young Carlisle is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. His missionary father is a native of Wesson, Miss., and his mother, the former Ruth Newport, was born in Shawnee, Okla.

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Rev. Jack Cranford Dies Of Heart Attack

Funeral services for Rev. Jack J. Cranford, 59, resident of 4108 Azalea Drive, Jackson, were held Wednesday Feb. 9, from Southern Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, with Rev. David T. Cranford, Rev. Herman Milner, Rev. Fred Thompson and Rev. Fred G. Womack officiating. Interment was in the cemetery near Collins.

Mr. Cranford died of an apparent heart attack at his residence Tuesday night, Feb. 8, at 11 p. m.

A native of Covington County, he was the son of the late Rev. Jack E. and Bessie McLehey Cranford. He spent his early life in Jackson and was a graduate of Central High School and of Mississippi College. He was a member of Southern Hills Baptist Church, and had made his home in Jackson for the past 15 years.

During his ministry, Mr. Cranford had served as pastor at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, First Baptist Church, Iuka, First Baptist Church, Collierville, Tenn., Center Ridge Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Calvary Baptist Church, Waynesboro, and New Bethlehem Baptist Church, Magee.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eunice Knight Cranford, Jackson; one daughter, Mrs. Jim Lane, New Orleans, La.; a grandson, Christopher Lane, New Orleans, La.; one brother, Rev. David T. Cranford, Jackson; and two sisters, Mrs. Herman Milner, Jackson; and Mrs. Howard Mitcheltree, Chicago, Illinois.

March BH Topics

Dr. Herschel Hobbs will continue his discussion of basic truths of the Bible in his "Baptist Hour" radio sermons during March.

In "The Grace of God," his message for March 6, he will explain how the believer is saved from death, empowered for life and kept safe for ultimate salvation through God's grace. "The Reality of Hell" (March 13) will present Biblical grounds for the belief that hell is a real place of eternal punishment. Bible passages also will be used in the March 20 sermon, "The Glory of Heaven," to describe heaven as a genuine place of beauty, security, joy, fulfillment and glory. "The Triumph of Christ" (March 27) will relate God's promise for Christ and, through Him, for every believer.

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Jones County Evangelistic Rally Speaker Is Former Boxing Champ

Walter K. Ayers, pictured, well known evangelist, will speak at a giant Evangelistic Rally at First



Church, Laurel, Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p. m. This evangelistic rally is sponsored by the Baptist Men's Organization of the Jones County Baptist Association.

Evangelist Ayers is a former All-Intercollegiate Conference

fullback for Arkansas State. He was a Golden Glove boxing champion at the University of Arkansas and was elected by the football team of the University of Arkansas as the Razorback Chaplain. He has been in Southern Baptist evangelism for twelve years and has preached in more than 300 revivals. He serves at the present time as staff evangelist of the Orchard Hills Baptist Church, Garland, Texas.

Mrs. Eloise Barnes, soloist from First Church, Columbia, will provide special music for this meeting.

According to Dr. Robert Hilburn, president of the Baptist Men's Organization, everyone is invited to this giant evangelistic rally. Men, ladies and youth from all over this part of the state are expected in attendance.

Senior Adult Seminar Set At BSSB

NASHVILLE — A Senior Adult Leader Training Seminar will be held March 20-24 at the Church Program Training Center of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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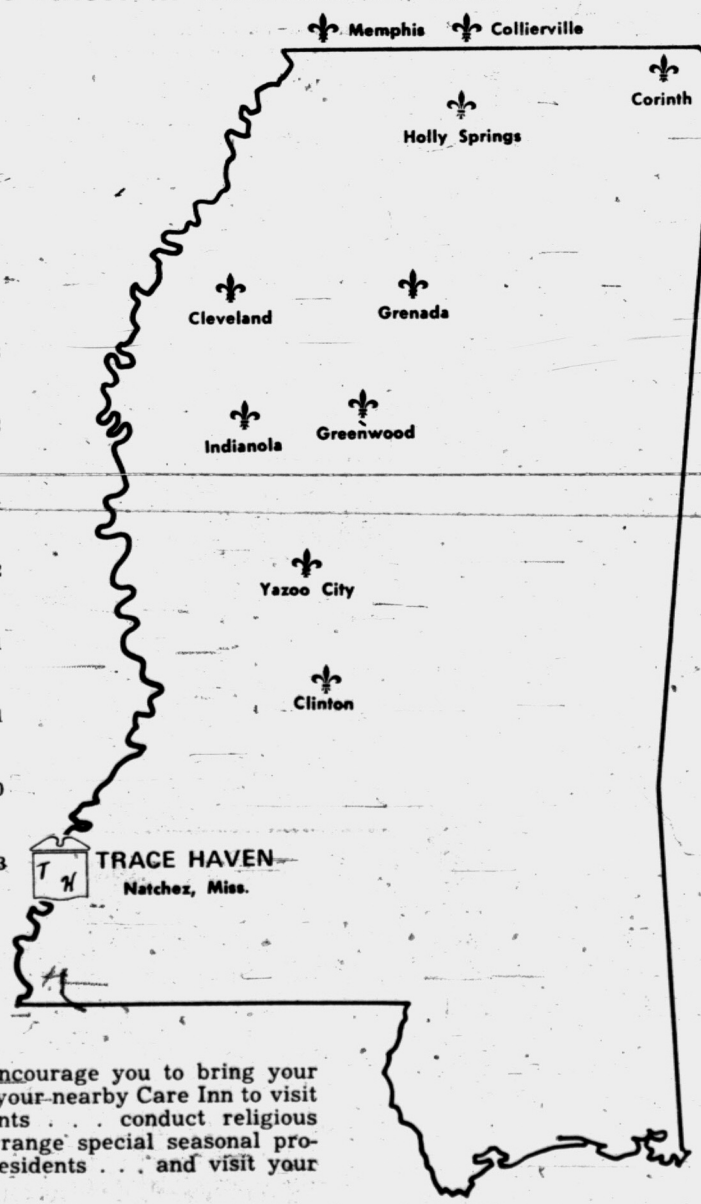
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Devotional

Thanks Be To God

By W. W. Stevens, chairman, Division of Religion, Mississippi College

"Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 118:1). "Giving thanks is the duty of the Christian. It should be the constant attitude of the child of God. Why should we take so much for granted, as though God owes us all the things of life that make it so pleasant? Our constant and abiding theme in life should be an ever-awareness of God's bountiful providential care for his own. But, alas, so many of us are like the nine lepers who did not return to thank our Lord for his cleansing miracle. To the one who thankfully did return Jesus said, 'Were these not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.' Would God ask of you and me many days, 'Where is your thankfulness?'"

I received a Christmas greeting card this past December containing a quotation from Helen Keller, the blind and deaf author, born in 1880 in Alabama, who was taught to speak and to write. This quotation is as follows:

A NEW CHIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Hear! Today the bells and I call you to the Christmas of mankind. For it has begun, and we shall not falter nor turn back until every man and woman and child has a chance to live happily and to develop his mind and do the best of which he is capable. Hear, oh, hear the Christmas bells! How they answer one another from end to end of the country, real upon peal, chime upon chime! From every spire and tower they utter the good tidings of great joy, the tidings of the Great Change, the cry that no human heart can resist: "Brotherhood! Brotherhood! Brotherhood!"

—Helen Keller

This beautiful expression, from one who could not, and had not, heard the bells and chimes of which she spoke filled me with an overwhelming feeling of gratitude for ears that can hear and eyes that can see. Here was one endeavoring to inspire me to be inspired by the Christmas chimes that she herself had never experienced.

Years ago, when the steamer "Lord Elgin" was sinking in Lake Michigan, a student in Evanston, Mr. Spencer, with great energy and exposure, saved seventeen lives. Broken in health from this effort, he was asked, when an old man, what return of gratitude, if any, came. He answered, "Not one."

As a Navy Chaplain aboard a light cruiser during World War II I was successful in securing the release of six or seven young men from the service due to hardship cases at home. This necessitated a letter from me to the Secretary of the Navy along with other supporting affidavits. Not one single young man, when the good news arrived, looked me up to express a word of thanks. I guess I did not have the necessary ten men.

A. L. Nelson's

Brother-In-Law Dies

Howard Cleveland Ball, 38, brother-in-law of A. L. Nelson, business manager and comptroller, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died of leukemia in M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas, on Tuesday, February 8. Mr. Ball was a deacon of First Baptist Church of Genoa, Texas, where he was also treasurer and Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Kennedy Ball, Houston; daughters, Lucetta Ann Ball, Vivian Frances Ball, both of Houston; mother, Mrs. Idell Ball, Louin, Mississippi; brother, W. E. Ball, Shreveport, La.; sister, Mrs. A. L. (Kate) Nelson, Jackson, Mississippi.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, February 10, Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, Pasadena, Texas, with Rev. Elvis H. Egge of

RA Photo Winners

Steve Moore, 11, of Durham, North Carolina, and Thom Richard, 17, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were grand prize winners in the Fifth annual Royal Ambassador photo contest announced last week by the Royal Ambassador department of the Brotherhood Commission. Winners' names and photos will appear in March issues of *Crusader* and *Probe*, RA magazines.

Moore, the first Crusader ever to win a grand prize, called his winning photo *Ghost Child*. It was a photograph of a deteriorating barn. By double exposing it from exactly the same spot, Moore made a small girl in the hayloft appear ghostlike. Richard's winning picture was a sunset scene of a lake.

First Baptist Church, Genoa officiating. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery.



Betts Family To Sing At McLaurin Heights

The J. B. Betts family of Southaven, has been invited to present a concert of sacred and gospel music at the McLaurin Heights Church, Jackson, Sunday, February 20, at 7:00 p. m.

This family has been singing together for over five years. Mr. Betts, a church music evangelist, travels over much of the nation leading the music in church revivals. Whenever possible, Mrs. Betts and the children accompany him and contribute much to the music as they join as a family to sing and witness for the Lord. In the summer of 1971 the entire family spent six weeks on a missions crusade to Montana and the Northwest.

Mrs. Betts and Marsha, 14, Mary, 10, and Melody, 3, sing soprano, Melinda, 18, sings alto, and Jerry, 16, sings bass. J. B. completes the harmony with the tenor. Several of the family, even Melody, are soloists and different ones often join in duets.

They have sung recently at Trinity, Memphis; Moorhead; First, Lexington; and First, New Albany. They will sing at First Church, Sardis, on March 12.

The family has also recorded a long-play album entitled, "Happiness Is The Lord."

Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor, invites the public to hear this family at the McLaurin Heights Church.

Mrs. George Sadler Dies; Wife of Emeritus FMB Official

RICHMOND (BP)—Mrs. George W. Sadler, 76, former missionary to Nigeria and wife of retired official of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died Feb. 7 of a heart attack. She had been in a local hospital for a week.

A funeral service was to be held Feb. 9 at Grace Baptist Church here. Mrs. Sadler is survived by her husband and their two children, George William Sadler, and Mrs. G. M. Kinnaman, both of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadler had lived in Richmond since 1939, when he was elected secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near-East for the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Sadler was born in Alabama and grew up in South Carolina. In 1919, after her graduation from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., she received missionary appointment and married Sadler, who had been a missionary to Nigeria since 1914.

They worked with the Baptist College and Theological Seminary in Ogburno, Nigeria, until a family health problem caused them to resign in 1932. For the next seven years they lived in Liberty, Mo., where he was pastor of second Baptist Church.

Buttrick To Lecture At Southern

LOUISVILLE (BP)—George A. Buttrick, famed professor of preaching at Harvard University and Union and Garrett Theological Seminaries, will be a guest lecturer of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the spring semester.

Buttrick, now retired, has been called "the greatest living preacher in America." He was pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York for 27 years.

A native of England, Buttrick is a 1915 graduate of Lancashire Independent Theological College in Manchester, and Victoria University. He holds 14 honorary degrees from such schools as Princeton, Harvard, Bucknell, Yale, Northwestern and Columbia Universities.

For six years, he taught at Harvard, and for a year he was Harry Emerson Fosdick visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. From 1961-69, when he retired, he taught preaching at Garrett Theological Seminary of Northwestern University.

The author of numerous books, he was also editor of *The Interpreter's Bible*, a 42-volume commentary, and the *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, four volumes.

After retiring, he was visiting professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, where he lived until moving to Louisville where he and his wife have a new home just a few blocks from the seminary.

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"Fine Arts Emphasis" Scheduled For Clarke

Community-wide involvement is part of the scheduling for the upcoming Spring "Fine Arts Emphasis" at Clarke College, Newton. A continuing show by local artists will be featured in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building on the Newton Campus and scheduled events include both resident and guest performers.

An early entry in the series is the presentation of Tennessee Williams', "The Glass Menagerie" on February 17 and 18.

Scheduled for April 21 is an organ concert by Dr. Paul Anderson of the Music Faculty of the University of Southern Mississippi. Following this event will be a faculty recital by the

Rev. J. C. Anderson Dies At Troy, Alabama

"Wherever he has been needed, he has been there." These words were heard often when the name of Rev. J. C. Anderson entered a conversation in Troy, Alabama.

Anderson, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Troy, since 1953, died at Edge Memorial Hospital Jan. 5. He suffered a heart attack following services at the church Sunday, Jan. 2.

A native of Pineville, Miss., Anderson attended public schools there and received his theological degree from the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans.

In addition to serving as pastor, he was active in civic events and school affairs. He has taught in Troy schools during recent years. Children, especially those with special problems, were one of his major concerns and his work reflected his concern.

Mr. Anderson was named Man of the Year by the Troy Civitan Club in February of 1971. The award is based on "Good deeds" for the community and service rendered to persons.

Services were held at Northside Church Jan. 6 with Rev. Burney Enzor, Rev. Marvin Vickers, and Rev. Swinson Kimbro officiating.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Ann Anderson, Troy; one son, Charles Homer Anderson, Tucker, Ga.; daughter, Mrs. Sue Anderson, Tucker, Ga.; two granddaughters, Miss Kara Anderson, Tucker, Ga.; Miss Vicki Holmes, Troy; three grandsons, Brett and Dirk Anderson, Tucker, Ga.; Sonny Thompson; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Boykin, Pineville, Miss.; Mrs. Linna Huff, Jackson, Miss.

As a tribute to Pastor Anderson, "dedicated Christian and devoted citizen," the mayor of Troy, James E. Ray, and the City Commissioners proclaimed January 6 as a day of mourning for this preacher and asked that all flags be displayed at half mast between 3 and 5 o'clock p. m.

Community and college members of The Newton Choral will be participating in the Choral's presentation of "Elijah" in the Bott Recital Hall on May.

One of the highlights of Clarke's "Fine Arts Emphasis" will be two Art Festivals. Divided into two separate groupings, one will feature children's art and the other the work of young people and adults.

The series is under the direction of Paul Brown, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division at Clarke College.

Carey Trustees Approve Increase In Projected Budget

The William Carey College Board of Trustees met in its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, on the Hattiesburg campus. Fourteen of the fifteen trustees were in attendance, according to President J. Ralph Noonkester.

Highlights of the action taken included the approval of an increase of \$100,000 in the projected budget for 1972-73, the election of new officers, the accepting of retirement plans on the part of four faculty members and three staff members, innovations in admission plans and an optimistic report by Dr. Noonkester on the school's present position and future outlook.

William Carey College's budget for the 1971-72 school year is \$1,600,000. "This will be increased," commented J. D. Sims, Carey's Business Administrator, "by \$100,000 for the coming year." Much of the increase will go towards the continued growth of the William Carey College School of

Nursing and the graduate music program. Additional funds have been budgeted for the purchase of offset printing equipment and for increases in salaries of campus personnel.

The trustees recognized the planned retirement on May 31, 1972, of Mrs. Ruth Duncan, Mrs. O. B. Loper and Dr. B. F. Smith. Mrs. Bessie Bates has requested voluntary retirement at that same time. Staff members to be retired are Mrs. Irma Brown, Miss Sarah Richardson and Louis Ladner.

Dr. Noonkester spoke to the trustees of the work now in progress in securing the professional accreditation of the William Carey College School of Nursing and the graduate program of the William Carey College School of Music.

Admissions procedures were discussed and it was decided that William Carey College would admit eleventh grade students on campus during the coming summer. Adult education has become a popular program at William Carey College with six or eight courses taught each semester on the Hattiesburg campus, on the Mississippi Coast or in other communities. The "bootstrap" enrollment, involving service men on special assignment to complete bachelor degrees, has grown tremendously and involved over one hundred servicemen.

Dr. Noonkester informed the trustees of a special program planned on

April 15 and 16, 1972, to be called Dedicated Vocations Weekend for high school students throughout the state.

Robert E. Duke, from New York City, was a guest at the meeting. He is a consultant who has been affiliated in previous years with William Carey College in its development programs.

Officers elected to serve during the coming year for the Board of Trustees for William Carey College were: Wiley Fairchild, chairman, Dr. John Lee Taylor, vice chairman and Dr. Glen T. Pearson, treasurer. Working

with these three on the Executive Committee are Lewis Fowler, John D. Thomas, Dr. Earl Green, Dr. T. E. Ross, and Dr. Dudley Wilson. Other trustees present were: Mrs. Owen Cooper, Rev. Frank Gunn, Rev. Bobby Perry, Mrs. Carroll Gartin, Rev. Clifton Perkins, Rev. Tom Rayburn and Dr. Robert Eustice.

William Carey College's enrollment continues to increase with all indications of the spring registration being the largest in history. The May commencement will involve 269 seniors which is 67 more than the largest number in the past.

BAI MIU Learns Of Jesus

By James F. Humphries
Missionary
Vietnam

To stand on the sandy beaches of Nhatrang and look across the waters of the China Sea to Bai Mi, one gets the impression the island is a peaceful one. In one sense it is. There are no cars and motorbikes crowding the streets because there are no streets on Bai Mi. There are no big guns pounding away at the distant shores because there are no guns on the island.

One discovers that the island is not as peaceful and quiet as it appears only in talking with its people. They do not know real peace because no one

has ever tried to tell them about Jesus. Only recently were they introduced to Him.

Missionaries Joe and Gloria Turman finished language school last summer and moved from Dalat to Nhatrang. As Joe tried to revive a floundering work in Nhatrang, he found some of the people unconcerned as well as anti-American. He is able to smile now as he relates the times he has literally dusted off his feet and had to run from unfriendly situations.

Joe continues to witness and carry on Baptist work in Nhatrang, but has moved into Bai Mi and other areas where the promise of success is a little more reassuring.

Recently I accompanied Joe to the island for a worship service which was held in the sewing room of one of the first converts on the island. Twenty-six people were crowded in the little 5-by-10-foot room with others standing in the doorway. I sat on the table because there was no other place for me to sit or stand.

As the service progressed my eyes wandered around the modest worship room. The walls were made of cardboard from Pabst Blue Ribbon beer cases, flattened - out orange and grape drink cans made up the ceiling of the room. Two pictures decorated the walls, one of President Thieu and one of a frosted Coca Cola bottle.

As Joe preached, I tried to get higher up on the table because the little kids had discovered that the hair on my arms was good for pulling. When they discovered the hair on my legs, I simply tried to get as comfortable as possible and let them pull away.

Once during the message Joe had to stop preaching and explain why my knit pants stretched. Another time he had to tell everyone where he bought



Macedonia Begins New Education Building

Macedonia Church, Route 5, Hattiesburg, held groundbreaking ceremonies January 16 for a new education building. Members of the Building Committee are Ernest Bullock, chairman (middle); Tommy Morris (right); Hugh Lee (not pictured); Herman Rounsaville (left), who will do the bricklaying for the building. The \$8,000 structure will house seven Sunday school rooms, three restrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, pastor's study, and general secretary's office. Rev. Richard White is pastor.



Pictured left to right: Rev. Williams; Howard Tiner, treasurer and deacon; Luther Beard, Jr., Building Committee chairman and deacon; W. G. West, chairman of deacons; (Cecil Bonner, deacon, was absent when picture was made.)

Trinity (Wayne) Pays All Indebtedness

Trinity Church, Wayne County, has called Rev. T. E. Williams of Meridian, as interim pastor. (He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and Southern Seminary.) Mr. Williams' first Sunday, January 30, at Trinity, was one to be remembered. A noteburning ceremony was held during the morning worship service

his watch and how much he paid for it. In the midst of the many interruptions, all insisted that I take their pictures.

As our boat pulled off from the dock at Bai Mi and headed for Nhatrang on the mainland it looked as though half of the island's 1,200 residents were there to see us off.

With the promise we would be back later in the week and teach Sunday School, we headed for Joe's house wondering just what the Sunday School hour would bring on Friday.

Off The Record

A midwestern Senator bragged to a friend: "We grow corn so big that I've seen fifteen crows roosting on a single ear."

The second Senator protested: "We grow big corn in my state, too, but I've never heard of anything like that."

"Well," admitted the first, "I guess I did exaggerate just a bit. Come to think of it, that fifteenth crow had only one foot on the corncob."

It's All Over
A crash from the kitchen startled the young mother who was entertaining friends in the living room. "Johnny!" she cried, "what on earth are you doing?"

"Nothing, now," came the weak reply. "It's done."

The Trouble with Politics
A disconsolate-looking farmer stood on the steps of the town hall during the progress of a political meeting.

"Who's talking in there now?" demanded a stranger briskly. "Or are you just going in?"

"I've just come out," said the farmer. "Congressman Smiffkins is talking in there."

"What about?" asked the other.

"W," continued the farmer, puzzled, "he didn't say."



SIX NEW or returning trustees of William Carey College met with the fifteen-man board, in its quarterly session on the Hattiesburg campus. Seated from left are new trustees: John D. Thomas, Hattiesburg; Rev. Bobby Perry, Moss Point; and Rev. Clifton Perkins, Greenwood. Rear from left: Rev. Tom Rayburn, Booneville; Dr. Earl Green, Hattiesburg; and Rev. Frank Gunn, Forest. Green and Gunn are returning to the Board following a year's absence. The other four are newly appointed by action of last November's Mississippi Baptist Convention annual meeting.